

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE  
305 West 2nd Street  
Wabasha  
Wabasha County  
Minnesota

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 305 West Second Street  
Southwest quadrant of intersection  
of West Second Street and Walnut Avenue  
  
On Lot 1 and 20 feet of Lot 2, Block  
19, Original Plat of Wabasha  
In Wabasha, Wabasha County, Minnesota  
  
UTM: 15/576930E/4914740N  
Quad: Wabasha North  
  
Date of Construction: 1872  
Remodeled in 1950's and in 1979  
  
Present Owner: Minnesota Department of Transportation  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155  
  
Present Use: Vacant  
  
Significance: One of Wabasha's finest examples of a  
frame Italianate style building. Its  
exterior integrity has survived  
throughout its service as the First  
Congregational Parsonage from 1872 to  
1955, as a residence from 1955 to  
1979, and as a chiropractic clinic  
from 1979 to 1986.  
  
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## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Congregational Church of Wabasha was organized in February 1856, making it the second oldest organized religious group in Wabasha. The Church Trustees purchased lots 1 & 2, Block 19, original plat of Wabasha from George W. Bacon on May 1, 1866. They built their original church on lot 2 at a cost of \$1,000. It measured 22'x50' and was dedicated on October 20, 1858. That building was incorporated into the present church building in 1884. Further additions and alterations have been made in recent years to the church building.

The Parsonage was constructed on lot 1 and part of lot 2 in 1872 at a cost of \$3,600. The first occupant was Reverend C. W. Honeyman. In 1918 the Church Board authorized payment of \$1,400 for unspecified improvements to the property. This Parsonage served as a permanent residence for the church clergy until 1955. The interior of the building from the basement through the second story was extensively damaged by fire in the 1950's.

In 1955 the Parsonage building became a private residence. The Church Board sold the property to John R. and Betty Lou Flatt in 1959 for \$9,000. It was acquired by Edward J. and Jeanne C. Drury in 1966, by the American Bank of Alma in 1970, by Randall H. & Janet R. Patton for \$25,000 in 1971, by Gerald J. and Mary E. Wild for \$26,000 in 1972, and by Dr. Jay M. and Marya L. Greenberg for \$64,000 in 1979. In 1979 the interior of the building was remodeled for use as a chiropractic clinic, for which it was used until it was acquired by the Minnesota Department of Transportation in 1986.

## ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The First Congregational Parsonage is situated on its original location at the southwest corner of Walnut Avenue and Second Street. This two story Cubiform Italianate style frame building has a low pitched hip roof. The side hall plan has a simple rectangular front portion with a rear section slightly offset from the front forming a T plan. The building has horizontal lap siding with corner boards. The eaves are supported by regularly spaced brackets. Dimensions of the front portion of the original building are 26'6"x31' and of the rear portion are 21'x18'.

The front entry, facing on Second Street, has a hip roof and simple pillars that replace the original, more decorative, open porch. The four panel entry door has a clear glass transom light.

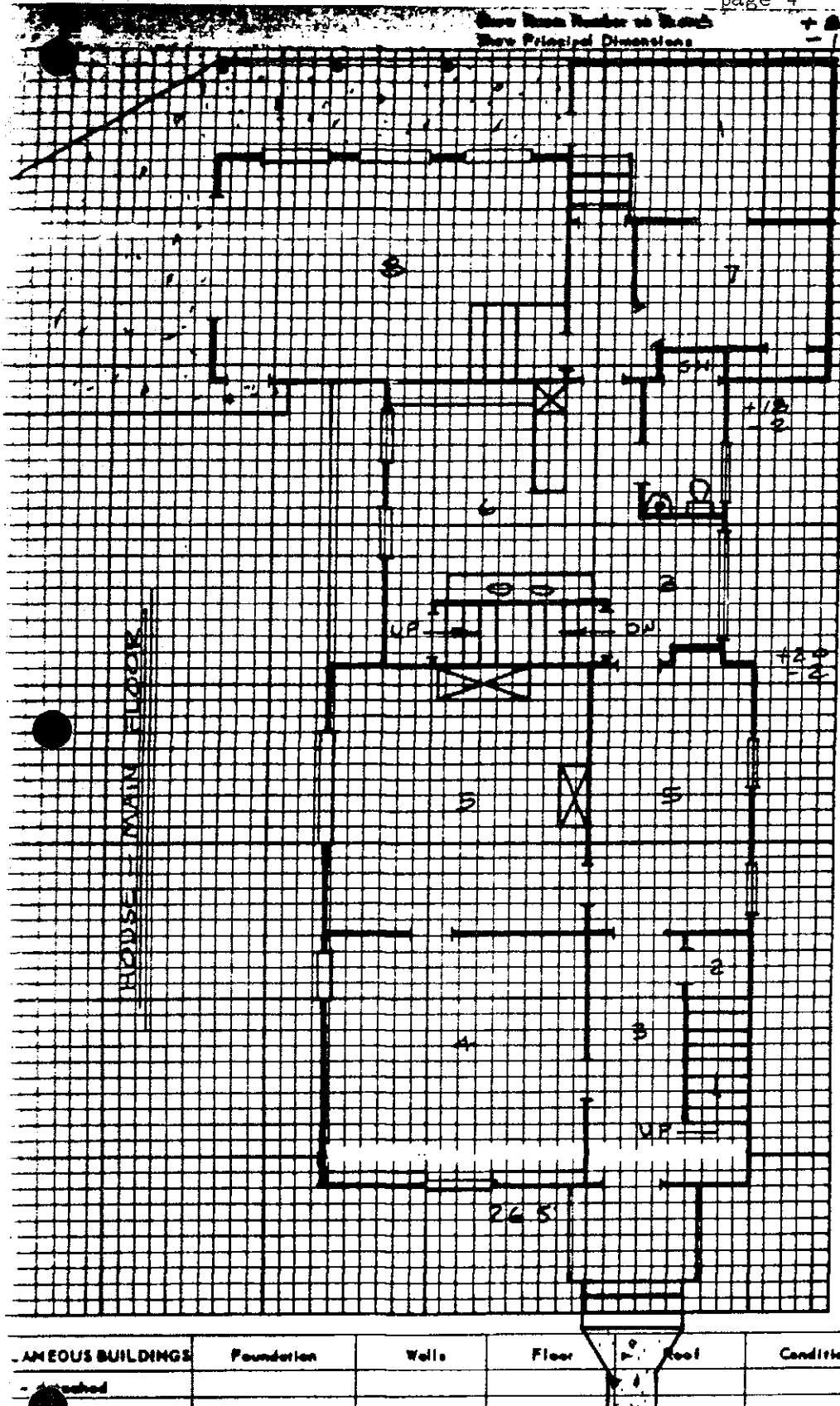
Sash windows on the front (north) and on the east and west facades of the front portion of the building are narrow rectangles set in segmental arch wood surrounds with infill at the tops of the arches. Paired windows on the first and second stories offset the main entrance on the front facade. The east facade of the front portion has a paired sash, cantilever bay with a bracketed cornice on the lower story with a paired sash above it on the second story. The rectangular double hung windows on the rear section are set in simple wood frames.

An attached garage has been added on the southeast corner of the building. An open arcade behind the garage joins a one story screen porch attached to the southwest corner of the building.

The interior of this building has been extensively remodeled in recent years, especially due to an extensive fire in the 1950's. Charred timber beams and joists still remain in the basement, supplemented with new lumber.

#### FUTURE DISPOSITION

The property on which this building is situated is needed on which to construct a portion of the approach to a new bridge to carry Trunk Highway 60 over the Mississippi River between Minnesota and Wisconsin. This building will be moved by the Minnesota Department of Transportation to a new site within the City of Wabasha which has been reviewed and found acceptable by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Officer. The building will be placed on a new foundation, utility services will be restored, and the building will be offered for sale for preservation.



	Room No.	Ceiling Ht.
Living Room		
Dining Room		
Kitchen		
Bed Room		
Bed Room		
Bath		
Hall	3	10'
Porch	1	8'
Closet	2	
Storage Room	7	
Amusement Room		
Breezeway		
Attached Garage	8	
OFFICE	4	10'
EXAM. RM.	5	10'
LAB	6	8 1/2'

#### BASEMENT:

Floor thickness \_\_\_\_\_ in.  
Height: Top of floor to top of  
foundation \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Size	Sq. Ft.	Ht.	Cube
x			
x			
x			

#### SUPERSTRUCTURE:

Height: Top of foundation to  
eaves \_\_\_\_\_ ft.  
Eaves to ridge \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Size	Sq. Ft.	Ht.	Cube
x			
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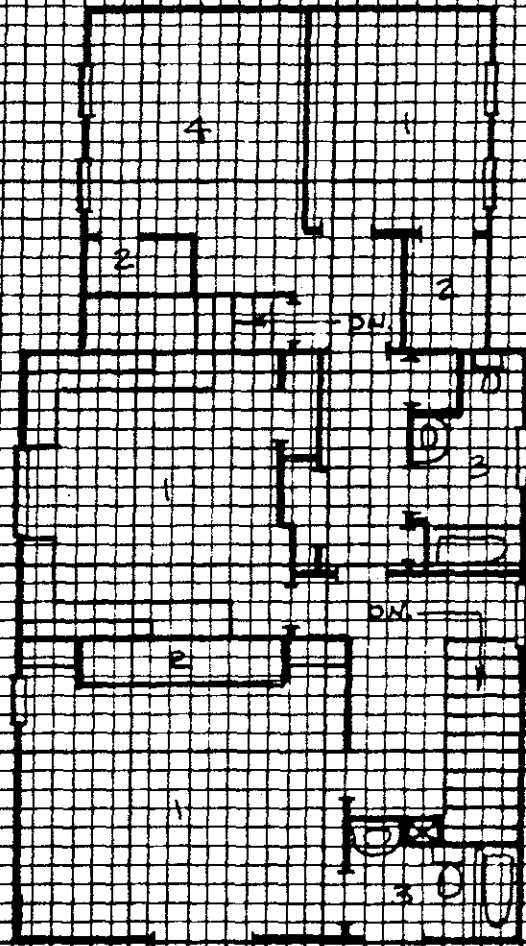
Total cubic content \_\_\_\_\_

Chimney size:

\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ ft. high.

ADJACENT BUILDINGS	Foundation	Walls	Floor	Roof	Condition	Size	Area
- Attached							

HOUSE - SECOND FLOOR



\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ ft. high.